

I would like a content standard at every grade that reads "Social Justice." As a history teacher myself, I have seen how the education industry as well as schools themselves revolve around standards regardless of the pressure by the institution. We live in an age where xenophobia is much too high. The one place where all Americans must attend is elementary through secondary school. Yes, teachers can implement social justice and empathy building lessons on their own or you could throw it in the introduction, but having a concrete standard for it would be powerful. I believe it would lead to a dramatic push forward for not only social science, but our nation as a whole.

I do not want social justice to be lost in the fray and this crucial time of transitioning to a new set of standards gives us, as educators and as a nation, a grand opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration,  
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